HAND DELIVERY

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Pettis et al.

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For: METHOD FOR ALTERING DRUG PHARMACOKINETICS BASED ON

MEDICAL DELIVERY PLATFORM

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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.115

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Prior to prosecution on the merits and in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.115 please consider and enter the following amendments and remarks in connection with the above-identified application. Applicants submit concurrently herewith:

- (1) Exhibit A, a copy of the pending claims;
- (2) a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (in duplicate) accompanied by the appropriate provision authorizing payment of the required fee;
 - (3) a revised PTO 1449 form and copies of references listed therein;
- (4) Exhibit B, a copy of U.S. Publication No. U.S. 2003/0073609 (Application No. 09/897,801), published on April 17, 2003 (Reference BS);
 - (5) an Amendment Fee Transmittal; and
 - (7) an Associate Power of Attorney.

